

Remarks & Arguments

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that Claims 1-20 are pending in the application, Claims 1-6 are withdrawn from consideration, Claims 13-20 are allowed, and that Claims 7-12 are rejected. By this amendment, Claims 7, 9 and 10 have been amended and Claims 1-6 have been canceled without prejudice. Thus, Claims 7-20 are pending in the application. The amendments to the claims do not add new matter to the application. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

Rejections Under 35 USC 103

Claims 7-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious in view of Moon (6,229,695) and Nishimura (3,914,021). Independent Claim 7 has been amended to include the feature "wherein said visible non-transparent conductive pattern and said adhesive dielectric spacer have an approximately equal visual homogeneous appearance." Thus, Claim 7 has been amended to contain the allowable subject matter of Claim 13. Amended Claim 7 is patentable over Moon, Nishimura and the combination thereof. Claims 8-12 are dependent upon Claim 7 and therefore are also patentable. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is

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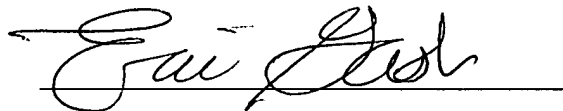
invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 23-0085. In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account 23-0085.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eric J. Gash", is written over a horizontal line.

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